

I will use this three-step method to help you analyze one of my cartoons shown below.

1. The issue being addressed is President Reagan's priorities for budget cuts.
2. Ronald Reagan, who has portrayed himself as an outdoorsman, is shown as a woodsman cutting down trees. The trees symbolize three parts of the budget—agriculture, military, and arms. For emphasis, the trees are drawn to show their relative size in the overall budget.
3. In my opinion, President Reagan's budget cuts were unfair. Ronald Reagan "cut" too much out of agriculture's budget while he left the defense budget unscathed. Since I live in an agricultural area, it might be easy to understand why I would be disturbed about cuts in the agricultural budget.

